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SUBJ: IMPORTANT CEMA MEETING IN MOSCOW

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1. SUMMARY - NA IMPORTANT AND UNEXPECTED CEMA MEETING OF HIGH-LEVEL PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH TOOK PLACE RECENTLY IN MOSCOW WAS PROBABLY CONCERNED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL CEMA SUMMIT WHICH WILL REPORTEDLY BE CONVENED IN NOVEMBER. A PRAVDA "OBSERVER" ARTICLE HAS REFERRED TO THE MEETING IN CONTEXT OF IMPORTANCE OF CEMA ECONOMIC INTEGRATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS
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TO BE WORKED OUT AT SOVIET TWENTY-FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS AND

ALSO UPCOMING PARTY CONGRESSES OF SEVERAL OTHER "SOCIAL-IST COUNTRIES." END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS SEPTEMBER 12 CARRIES BRIEF AND UNINFORMATIVE REPORTS OF UNUSUAL THREE-DAY CEMA MEETING OF HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS OF ALL NINE MEMBER COUNTRIES. MEETING TOOK PLACE IN MOSCOW AT CEMA SECRETARIAT BUILDING SEPTEMBER 10-12. ASIDE FROM STATING THAT IT WAS OCCASION FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THAT IT TOOK PLACE "IN SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY," ARTICLES MERELY LIST HEADS OF DELEGATIONS FROM EACH COUNTRY. THESE REPORTED LAST PARA THIS TELEGRAM.

3. MEETING IS ALSO MENTIONED IN SEPTEMBER 14 PRAVDA INTERNATIONAL REVIEW BY "OBSERVER" IN CONTEXT OF IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN WORKING OUT OF PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMY AND IMPROVEMENT OF WORKDER WELFARE AT FORTHCOMING PARTY CONGRESSES OF USSR,

POLAND, GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND CUBA. ARTICLE CITES THIS AND OTHER RECENT CEMA DEVELOPMENTS AS EXAMPLE OF PROGRESS AND DYNAMISM WITHIN CEMA AREA IN CONTRAST TO "ECONOMIC CHAOS" AND RECESSION IN WESTERN COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT - THE HIGH RANK OF THE PARTICIPANTS, THE BREVITY OF THE PRESS REPORTS, AND FACT THAT MEETING WAS NOT ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE ALL POINT OT ITS IMPORTANCE. IT APPEARS ALMOST CERTAINLY TO HAVE BEEN PREPARATORY SESSION FOR CEMA SUMMIT WHICH WILL REPORTEDLY TAKE PLACE AT PARTY FIRST-SECRETARY LEVEL IN NOVEMBER. MOST OF REPS FROM GOVERNMENT SIDE (DEPUTY PREMIERS) ARE OFFICIALS USUALLY CONCERNED WITH CEMA AFFAIRS. THEIR PRESENCE MAY INDICATE THAT UPCOMING SUMMIT WILL ALSO BE ATTENDED BY GOVERNMENTAL AS WELL AS PARTY REPS, SOMETHING WE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED. WE ALSO NOTE THAT THERE WAS NO YUGOSLAV ATTENDANCE, INDICATING A STRICLY FAMILY SESSION, PROBABLY WITH SOME FRANK EXCHANGES OF VIEWS (READ ARGUMENTS AND INFIGHTING). VICE PRESIDENT OF
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YUGOSLAV FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, BERISLAV SEFER, WAS, HOWEVER, IN MOSCOW DURING THE WEEK AND PRESS HAS REPORTED HIS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12 WITH SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV AND DEPUTY PREMIER V. N. NOVIKOV. HE WAS UNDOUBTELDDY BRIEFED ON MAIN RESULTS. THE PRAVDA REFERENCE TO INTEGRATION AND THE PARTY CONGRESSES IS IN LINE WITH REPORTS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM ROMANIAN SOURCES (REFTEL) THAT NOVEMBER CEMA SUMMIT

AGENDA WILL INCLUDE COORDINATION WITH THESES FOR TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS OF CPSU IN FEBRUARY.

5. PARTICIPANTS FOLLOW. WE NOTE THAT POLAND REPRESENTED BY TWO MEMBERS OF PUWP CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHILE CUBAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ROFRIGUEZ REPRESENTED BOTH CUBAN CP AND GOVERNMENT. NO GOVERNMENTAL REP WAS PRESENT FROM MONGOLIA.

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